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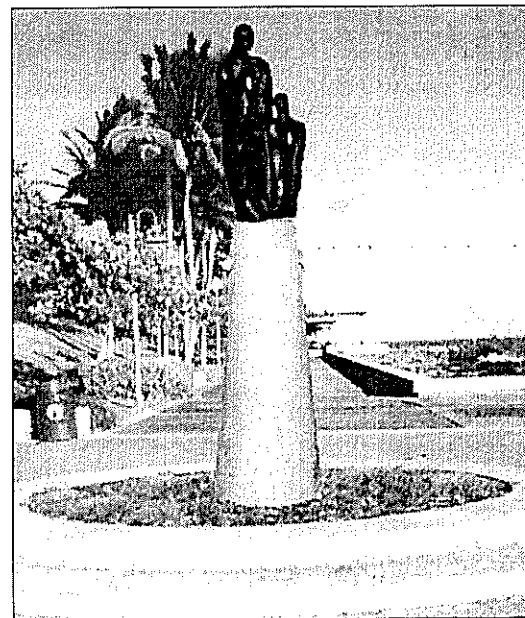
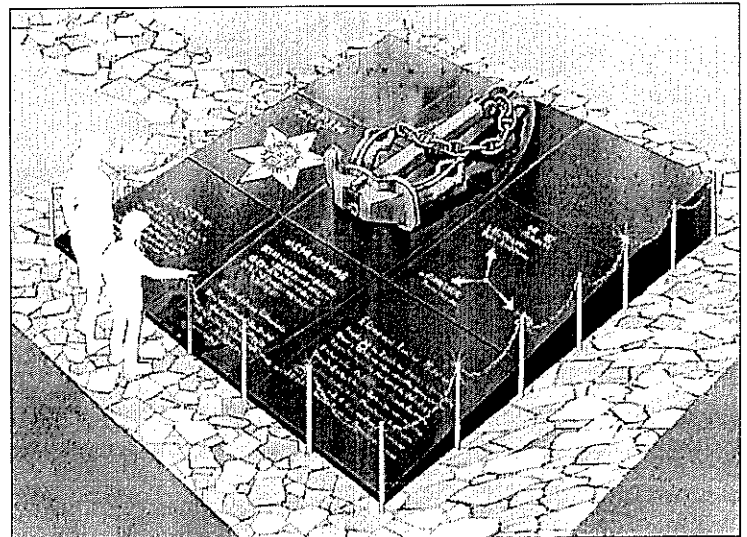


## EHIME MARU AND MADD MEMORIALS TO BE INSTALLED AT THE KAKA'AKO WATERFRONT PARK

The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) on December 5, 2001 gave its approval to requests to install two memorials at the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. The Ehime Maru Memorial Association will construct a monument to honor those who perished in the accidental sinking of the Ehime Maru fishing ship. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) will build a memorial that is intended to honor victims of drunk driving crashes and other violent crimes in the State of Hawaii. No taxpayer funds will be expended for either project.

The Ehime Maru was a Japanese educational fishing vessel that was accidentally sunk in Hawaiian waters. The Memorial will consist of nine sloping black granite blocks, an anchor from the ship, the fishing school's emblems and information on the ship's sinking and recovery operations, as well as the names of the men whose lives were lost. The Memorial will be located adjacent to the observation mound in the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park. The Association felt that the Park site was the most appropriate for the Memorial because it offered a vantage point of the accident site and the final resting place of the Ehime Maru. The Association hopes to complete construction of the Memorial by February 9, 2002, the first anniversary of the accident. The Ehime Maru Memorial Association will pay for all construction costs, maintenance and liability insurance for the Memorial.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has requested use of a planter area on the Ewa end of the Kaka'ako Waterfront Park promenade to install the memorial. Designed by John Koga, a Honolulu freelance artist and chief preparator for The Contemporary Museum, the 13-



*Illustrations:  
(Above) The Ehime  
Maru Memorial  
(At left) The MADD  
Memorial*

foot-high memorial will feature three figures with hollowed hearts. MADD will pay for all construction costs, maintenance and liability insurance for the Memorial. It has launched a \$50,000 fund raising campaign to construct the Memorial.

# PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON NEW NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS SET FOR JANUARY 16, 2002

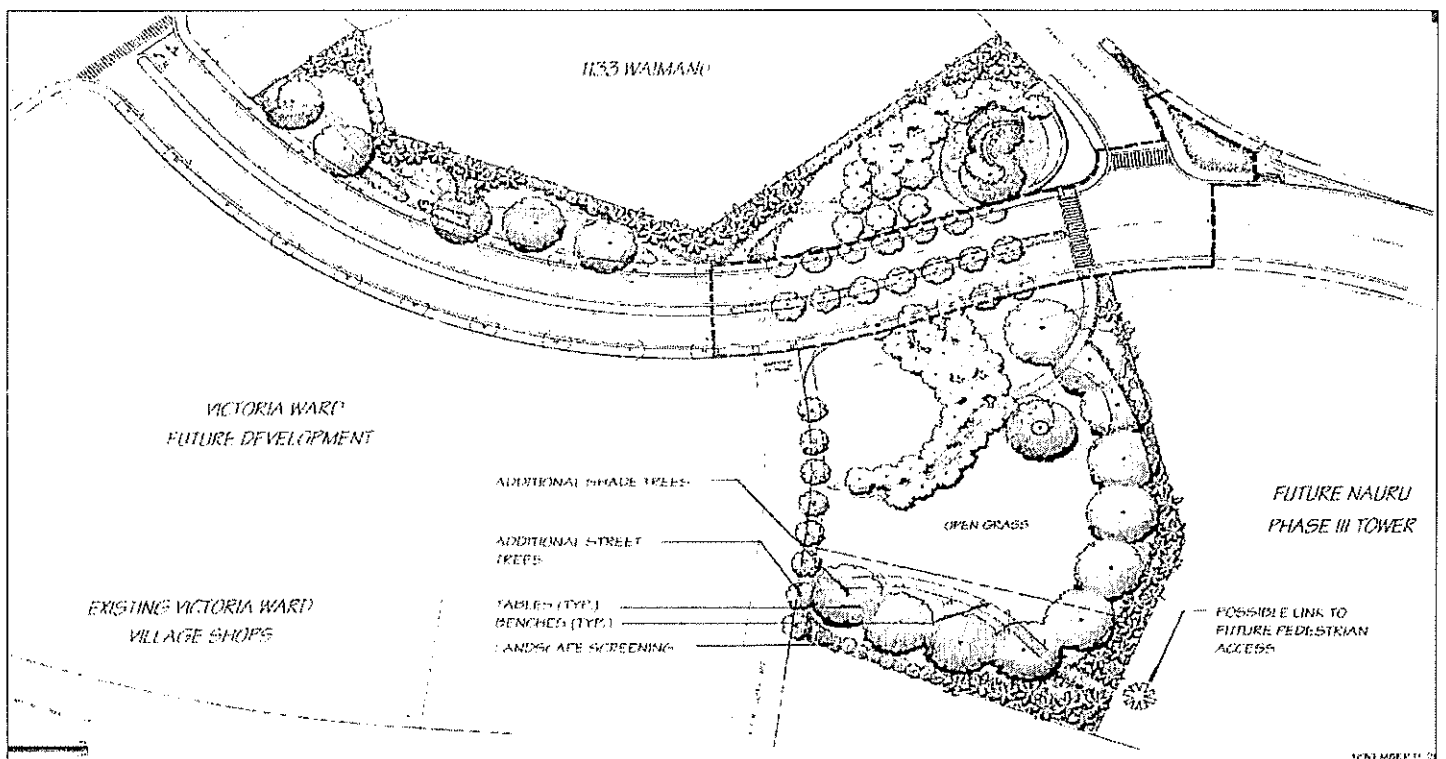
A public informational meeting to present the recommended design for the planned Queen Street Extension Parks will be held on January 16, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend this meeting at the Ward Warehouse, Kewalo Conference Room, Building D, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor.

A total of 109,000 square feet of park space is planned for development by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) along both sides of the planned extension of Queen Street. The first phase will involve the development of 90,000 square feet (37,000 square feet in the Mauka Park and 53,000 square feet in the Makai Park) of land for park use. A parcel of 19,000 square feet will be developed for park use in the Makai Park in the second phase. The plan is to complete construction of the Mauka Park and Phase 1 of the Makai Park together with the Queen Street extension in January 2004.

Input and comments gathered from a recent public survey provided initial guidance to HCDA's park consultant. A committee—composed of property owners, community groups, design professionals and City agencies--established a list of overall priorities for the park project. The plan is to develop a neighborhood park that would provide passive recreation space for residents and others in the area. The

park would provide pedestrian access and a sufficient amount of park furniture for relaxation. No parking stalls would be developed within the park site. Wide sidewalks around, and pathways through, the park will link existing and future residential towers with the surrounding commercial area. The future development of Queen Lane as a private road with pedestrian friendly access will link pedestrians from Auahi Street to the park site and the proposed Queen Street Extension. Proposed amenities for the park include: children's play area for school aged children; a "gateway feature" sculpture to be located on the corner of Waimanu and Queen Streets; seating areas with tables and chairs; and shade trees. The estimated construction cost of Phase 1 is \$1.8 million, which will be funded by public facilities dedication fees that have been assessed to developers in Kaka'ako.

According to HCDA Executive Director Jan Yokota, "We appreciate the time and effort invested by the park design committee members. They have developed a recommended design for the parks that should result in an attractive, safe, and pleasant neighborhood park. We hope that the public and, in particular, residents of the area, will be able to attend the meeting. We look forward to their reactions and comments to the proposal, which will be invaluable in fine tuning and strengthening the park design."



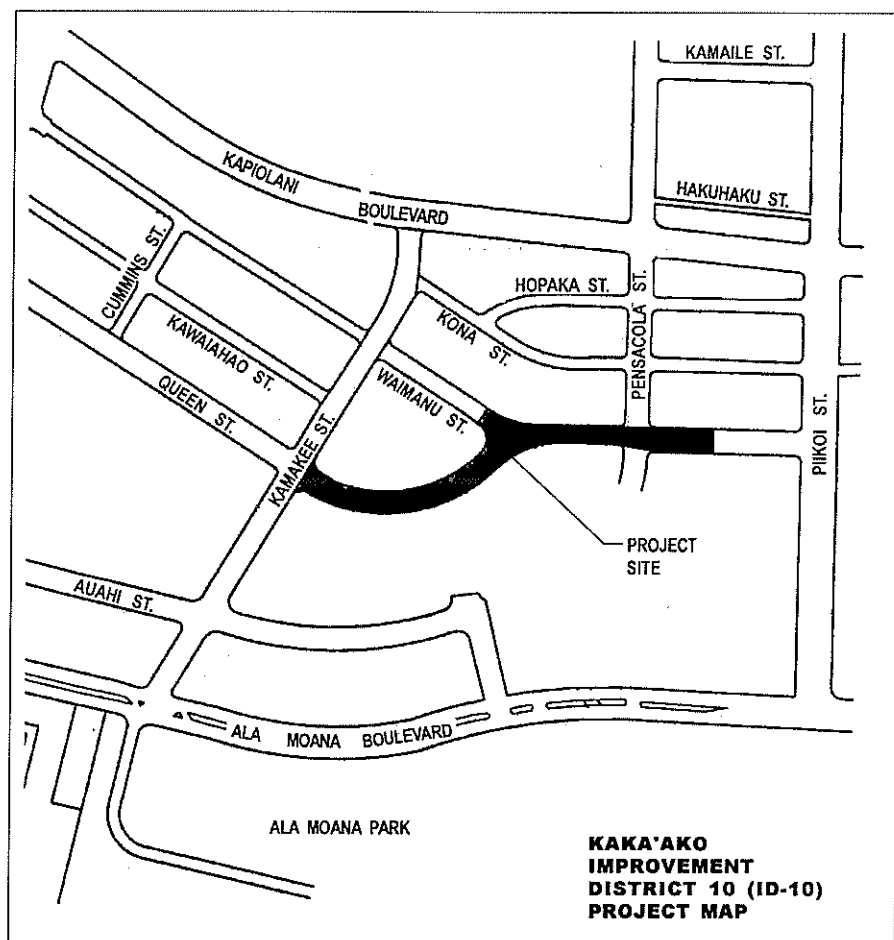
# JANUARY 9 HEARINGS SET FOR PROPOSED QUEEN STREET EXTENSION PROJECT & DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR KAKA'AKO MAKAI

Public hearings on the proposed Queen Street Extension Project (Improvement District 10) and proposed Design Guidelines for Kaka'ako Makai will be held by the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) on January 9, 2002, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The hearings will be conducted at the HCDA office located at 677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1000.

The Queen Street Extension Project hearing involves proposed amendments to Chapter 20 of Title 15, Hawaii Administrative Rules, relating to Improvement Districts. The Kaka'ako Improvement District 10 (ID-10) Project would construct a new roadway that would extend Queen Street from Kamakee Street to Waimanu Street, and would widen a portion of Waimanu Street between the proposed new roadway and Pensacola Street. Construction activities include the installation of new roadway, drainage, water, sewer and utility systems.

The purpose of the amendments is to establish the ID-10 and set forth the assessment to be charged to properties specially benefiting from the public improvements constructed in the ID-10. The amendments include the preliminary assessment report, which has been incorporated into the amendments by reference. The report identifies the cost estimates of the improvements as they are to be shared by property owners, public utility companies and government to the extent that they benefit from the improvements. The report also includes: assessment amounts; plans and details of the improvement; methods of cost allocation and assessment; and the proposed assessment area for the permanent improvement of the streets (curbs, gutters, sidewalks and pavement) and utilities (drainage, water, sewer, electrical and telephone systems). The assessment area district is generally bounded by Kamakee, Waimanu, Piikoi and Auahi Streets.

The proposed Makai Area Rule amendments would incorporate the Makai Area Design Guidelines ("Design Guidelines") by reference into the Makai Area Rules. The intent of the Design Guidelines is to guide physical development of the Makai Area, including archi-



tectural character, environmental quality and visual impression created by individual project components. The Design Guidelines are intended to be general in nature and not intended to unduly restrict design creativity.

Copies of the public hearing items are available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the HCDA, 677 Ala Moana Boulevard, Suite 1001, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, or will be mailed after payment has been made for copying and postage costs to any interested person who requests a copy. Anyone wishing to request a copy of the public hearing item or submit written comments or testimony should do so at the HCDA office on or before the date of the public hearing. Anyone wishing to present oral testimony at the public hearing should sign up at the time of the public hearing. All speakers are requested to submit 20 copies of their statements. Individuals who need auxiliary aids for effective communication are invited to contact C. Miko Dargitz, HCDA's ADA Compliance Coordinator at 587-2870, or by facsimile at 587-8150, at least five working days prior to the date required.

# KAKA'AKO IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT PROJECTS:

**CONSTRUCTION  
UPDATE**



The Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) is currently constructing two improvement district projects involving roadway and utility system improvements in the Kaka'ako District. Following are brief summaries and street closures/traffic rerouting advisories for these projects. Motorists and pedestrians are advised to exercise caution and to follow traffic advisory signs in the construction areas.

## Kamakee Street Improvements (ID-7)

**Description:** This project involves infrastructure improvements on Kamakee Street (from Queen Street to Kewalo Basin) and a realignment of Kamakee Street (from Auahi Street to Ala Moana Boulevard), creating a four-way signalized intersection at Ala Moana Boulevard and Ala Moana Park Road. This project is tentatively scheduled for final completion in December 2001. The contractor is Delta Construction Corporation.

**Street/lane closures:** On Kamakee Street, Verizon Hawaii is converting its overhead utility systems to underground systems.

## Ilalo Street Improvements (ID-9)

**Description:** This \$17 million project will improve the infrastructure of Ilalo Street, from Ahui Street to Forrest Avenue (South Street). Ilalo Street is planned to be a beautifully landscaped boulevard that would serve as the principal collector street for the Makai Area and would also provide an attractive pedestrian environment. For this project, new water, sewer, drainage and underground utility systems

are being installed along with the construction of a new roadway, driveways, pedestrianway, curbs and gutters. Improvements are needed to facilitate access to the Makai Area and support future development. Construction is slated for completion in December 2002. The contractor is Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company.

**Street/lane closures:** Keawe Street, from Ala Moana Boulevard to Ilalo Street, is now open. Entrance to the Food Distribution Center from Keawe Street has also been reopened. A portion of Ilalo Street (between Keawe and Cooke Streets) will be closed for the next two months. Another portion of Ilalo Street (between Ohe and Koula Streets) and the intersection of Ohe and Ilalo Streets will be closed for the next month. The segment of Ilalo Street (between Koula and Ahui Streets) will be closed for the next three months. Ahui and Koula Streets are open. Entrance to the Department of Agriculture building has been rerouted to the Kaka'ako Makai Gateway Park Road via Olomehani Street. The public can enter the Pflueger Honda Service Department from either Koula or Ohe Streets.

(Visit the HCDA web site: <http://www.HCDAweb.org>)

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